

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 8
FOURTH QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison
Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 8 during fourth quarter 2003 was 114,727, an increase of 2.0% from the third quarter 2003, and a decrease of 0.7% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in eight of the 20 NAICS sectors from the third quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 22.7% was in educational services.

Average quarterly employment data for fourth quarter 2003, third quarter 2003, fourth quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 75. Health Care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 8 with 19,789 employees, or 17.2% of total employment. Ouachita was the leading parish with 71,947 employees, or 62.7% of total employment.

Total wages decreased 0.4% from the same period in 2002 and increased 9.9% from the third quarter 2003 for an average weekly wage of \$526.49. Ouachita parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$562.10.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 8 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 8" beginning on page 78.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Caldwell	\$ 449.85
East Carroll	449.53
Franklin	401.06
Jackson	561.83
Madison	457.07
Morehouse	553.86
Ouachita	562.10
Richland	446.63
Tensas	504.37
Union	411.75
West Carroll	388.38

The number of reporting units in RLMA 8 for fourth quarter 2003 was 7,729.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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